



UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

ESSAY GUIDE

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Once a Member, Always a Member!

Scholarship Program



NOT A MEMBER YET? NO PROBLEM!

Once a Member, Always a Member. Any faculty, staff, physician, resident, student or member of the University of Toledo Alumni Association and their immediate family members are eligible to join the UT Federal Credit Union.

Annually, the University of Toledo Federal Credit Union (UTFCU) awards three talented students with the total of \$5,000. These recipients are three deserving graduating high school seniors or students in college who have graduated from high school within the past three years. If you are currently not a member of UTFCU and would like to apply for this scholarship opportunity, stop by any of our three branch locations to open a new account before submitting your application. Our branch locations can be found on the bottom of the last page under **Office Hours & Locations**.

THE ESSAY:

- Has a strong focus on the topic
- Conveys self-motivation
- Is structured
- Follows proper grammar structure

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ESSAY

As an applicant of the University of Toledo Federal Credit Union annual scholarship program, you are required to submit an essay along with your application and other required documents. The essay is a vital part of your submission, and all essays are read and scored by the UTFCU Board of Directors.

This committee personally reads and scores each essay using a rating scale matrix to ensure a consistent and fair scoring for all applicants. The following criteria will be considered:



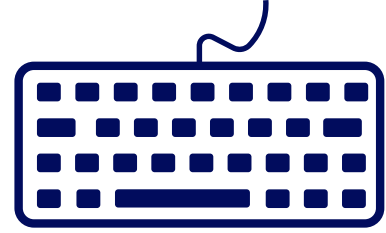
ESSAY QUESTION:

Please explain how your experience volunteering and participating in community service has shaped your perspective on humanity. Elaborate on how these experiences have influenced your future ambitions and career choice.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

Must be typed with a minimum of 500 words. Please do not include your name in the essay. The essay must be submitted with the scholarship application.

The Basics of Essay Writing



As a refresher, below are the basic components of an essay. While working on yours, be sure to keep these key components in mind.

INTRODUCTION

The introduction of an essay establishes the essay's topic. It contains some general comments about the subject and your main message. A few pointers to consider when writing your introduction:

- Does the introduction relate to the essay question?
- Does the introduction contain your message?
 - Tip: The main message, also known as the thesis statement, is 1-2 sentences that describe what the essay is about and how the supporting points will be broken down. These supporting points should be reiterated in the body of the essay in the same order.

BODY

The Body of an essay contains the main points, known as subtopics. Subtopics describe and support the essay's main points. Here is where you will write 1-2 paragraphs discussing your first point and so on. A few things to keep in mind:

- For the University of Toledo Federal Credit Union scholarship essay, you can include stories or *personal* examples to support your point.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion of an essay is the last paragraph and is used to summarize statements, a reiteration of your main message, and include your final thoughts.

FINAL REVIEW AND EDITING

Before submitting your essay, it is best to review it once completed. This is the time to make any changes or corrections. Other things to keep in mind are:

- Proofreading
- Read your essay out loud
- Make sure you are following the instructions listed on the University of Toledo scholarship application.

UTFCU Products & Services

The University of Toledo Federal Credit Union is available to all faculty, staff, students, Alumni Association members, and families of The University of Toledo and UTMC.

UTFCU is a full-service financial institution offering products and services from savings, checking and loans to online account access and e-statements, as well as discounts for members to area attractions, including the Toledo Zoo, Walleye, Mudhens and Cinemark Theaters.

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Our Services

- Personal Checking
 - No minimum balance requirement
 - Overdraft Protection
- Savings Account
 - Money Market Accounts
 - Certificates of Deposit
- Visa Credit Card
 - No Annual Fees
 - 0.00% APR first 6 mo.
 - ScoreCard Rewards
- Shared Branching
 - Access your account at over 5,000 locations
- Discount Tickets
 - Cedar Point
 - Cinemark Movie Theater
 - Toledo Walleye / Toledo MudHens
 - Toledo Zoo
- Tuition Loans
 - Available Through Sallie Mae
- Go wallet-less with our FREE DIGITAL WALLET
 - Available for Apple Pay ,Google Play and Samsung Pay
- 24/7 online access with FREE ONLINE BANKING

ONLY \$5.00 TO JOIN

HOW TO JOIN:

Membership is available to any student, staff, faculty member, physicians, an alumni association member of the University of Toledo and their families.

Your initial deposit of \$5.00 represents your share or *part-ownership* in the credit union.

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HILL OFFICE

📍 5248 HILL AVENUE
TOLEDO, OH 43615

☎ 419-534-3770

📠 419-534-3780

8am - 4pm: Mon-Thurs

8am - 6pm: Friday

*Lobby closes at 4pm on Friday

UT MAIN CAMPUS OFFICE

📍 STUDENT UNION BUILDING
2801 W. BANCROFT
TOLEDO, OH 43606-3390

☎ 419-530-2316

📠 419-530-8426

8am - 4pm: Mon - Fri

UT HSC OFFICE

📍 3025 LIBRARY CIRCLE DR
HULFORD LIBRARY ROOM 013E
TOLEDO, OH 43614

☎ 419-383-4470

📠 419-383-2850

9am - 3pm: Mon - Fri